

KENTUCKY JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH



Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health Meeting Minutes	
Meeting Date, Time	September 22, 2022; 1:00-3:00 PM ET
Meeting Location	Administrative Office of the Courts 1001 Vandalay Drive Frankfort, KY 40601 Main Conference Room
Virtual Option	Meeting also offered virtually through Zoom. Recording can be found here . Passcode: *y9G&uL^

Attendees	
Name	Organization
Senator Julie Raque Adams	Kentucky General Assembly
Linda Avery	Circuit Court Clerk Association
Dr. Rebecca Pender Baum	Kentucky Counseling Association
Terry Brooks	Kentucky Youth Advocates
Judge Denise Brown	Family Court
Stacy Bruner	Circuit Court Clerk Association, President
Stephanie Burke	District Judge
Phillip Burnett, Jr.	Kentucky State Police
Shawn Butler	Chief of Police
Hon. Wes Butler	Kentucky Hospital Association
Hon. Denise Clayton	Kentucky Court of Appeals
Chris Cohron	Commonwealth Attorney
Dr. Andrew Cooley	Eastern State Hospital – University of Kentucky
Judge J. Foster Cotthoff	District Judge
Melony Cunningham	NAMI Kentucky
Raoul Cunningham	NAACP Louisville
Jim Daley	Kentucky Jailers Association
Lisa DeJaco Crutcher	Catholic Charities of Louisville
Jim Flynn	Kentucky Superintendent Association

Laurie Givens	Administrative Office of the Courts
Chris Griffith	Christian Appalachian Project
Nancy Hale	Operation Unite
Nan Hanley	Access to Justice
Erica Hargis	Division of Probation and Parole
Glenda Harrison	Access to Justice
Hon. Kerry Harvey	Cabinet for Justice and Public Safety
Tanisha A. Hickerson	District Judge
Yvette Hourigan	KYLAP, Kentucky Bar Association
Van Ingram	Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy
Dr. Lindsey Jasinski	Eastern State Hospital – University of Kentucky
Sarah Johnson	Department of Corrections
Lisa Jones	Circuit Judge
Stefanie Ebbens Kingsley	Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Board
Hon. Debra Hembree Lambert	Kentucky Supreme Court
Judge William “Bo” Leach	District Judge
Lisa Lee	Department of Medicaid Services
Judge Jennifer Leibson	District Judge
Rabbi Shlomo Litvin	Chabad of the Bluegrass
Amy Luttrell	Good Will
Hon. Cole Adams Maier	Circuit Judge
Hon. John D. Minton Jr.	Kentucky Supreme Court
Marta Miranda-Straub	Department of Community Based Services
Phyllis Millspaugh, Delegate for Wendy Morris	Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
Representative Kimberly Moser	House of Representatives
Judge Kevin Mullins	District Judge
Judge Melissa Murphy	District Judge
Hon. Jennifer Bailey Oldham	County Attorneys’ Association
Cory Meadows, Delegate for Patrick Padgett	Kentucky Medical Association
Judge Rebecca Phillips	Circuit Judge
Hon. Damon Preston	Department of Public Advocacy
Brenda Rosen, LCSW	National Association of Social Workers Kentucky
Koleen Slusher, LCSW	Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center
Judge John Lindsay Tackett	District Judge
Hon. Stacy Tapke	County Attorneys’ Association
Hon. Larry Thompson	Kentucky Court of Appeals
Judge Marcus Vanover	Family Court
Katy Hopkins, Delegate for Dr. John J. Wernert	Norton Healthcare

Senator Whitney Westerfield	Kentucky General Assembly
Hon. Carrie Ovey Wiggins	Commonwealth Attorneys Association
Tony Wilder	Regional Area Development Board
Hon. Brian Wright	Commonwealth Attorneys Association

Agenda

- I. Registration and Welcome Lunch
- II. Opening Remarks and Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health Charge
- III. Commission Member Introductions
- IV. Kentucky Court of Justice’s Recovery-Oriented System of Care
- V. Commission Design: Committee Overview
- VI. Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks
- VII. Group Picture

Discussion

Opening Remarks

John D. Minton Jr., Chief Justice of Kentucky

The Judicial Commission on Mental Health was convened for its first meeting at 1:00 pm on September 22, 2022, at the Administrative Office of the Courts, Frankfort, Kentucky, in person and via Zoom. Justice John D. Minton Jr., Chief Justice of Kentucky Supreme Court, provided opening remarks and introduced Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, Kentucky Supreme Court.

KJCMH Charge

Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, Supreme Court of Kentucky Court of Justice

Provided the charge for the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health (KJCMH) and resource information including the National Center for State Courts: [Behavioral Health and the State Courts | NCSC](#).

Introductions of Commission Members

Members of the commission introduced themselves and their affiliations. Many expressed areas of interest and hopes for the commission's work.

Recovery-Oriented System of Care Overview

Rachel Bingham, Director of the Office of Statewide Programs, provided a history of the work done in Kentucky leading up to the formation of the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health.

Beginning in 2019, under the leadership of Chief Justice D. Minton, JR, and AOC Director, Laurie K. Dudgeon, the RESTORE opportunity arose from a grant provided by SAMSHA to the Department of

Behavioral Health supporting the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort. The Kentucky Court of Justice is a sub-recipient of these grant funds. The RESTORE initiative supplies courts – specifically judges – with evidence-based information regarding best practices to support the treatment of opioid use disorder. RESTORE equips court personnel to make informed decisions, utilize trauma-informed practices, strive for family preservation, and support lifelong recovery rather than hinder it.

In 2020, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) contracted with the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI). CJI conducted a qualitative assessment of the strengths, opportunities, and challenges that Kentucky judges, court personnel, and stakeholders experience, specifically when connecting individuals to mental health and substance use treatment, including recovery supports. The 2021 report, “Recovery Oriented Systems of Care: Needs and Opportunities for Kentucky’s Court System,” provided an overview of the project, explained the Recovery Oriented System of Care model, and detailed findings and recommendations.

The AOC and CJI convened a group of judges, a circuit clerk, and court personnel who developed a big-picture vision around implementing a Recovery Oriented System of Care in Kentucky.

The 2022 report, “Setting the Direction for Kentucky’s Recovery Oriented System of Care,” summarized the AOC Working Group’s efforts. Ms. Bingham further discussed the definitions, vision, goals, values, and framework for the courts to move to a Recovery-Oriented System of Care model. The development of a statewide stakeholders group was part of those recommendations and how the idea for the commission was born.

Both reports were provided as resources in the commission members’ binders.

Commission Design: Committee Overview

Laurie Givens, Director of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts, led a discussion around the commission structure.

The KJCMH will meet quarterly. Committees will meet monthly and provide updates on their work at the KJCMH quarterly meetings. Ms. Givens led the discussion around the types of committee options available for the commission and discussion by the commission members led to a consensus to establish 3-4 broad committees, with workgroups being identified within those categories. The recommendations included the Criminal Justice Committee, Civil, Probate, and Family Justice Committee, and Education and Partnership Committee. Committees will be staffed by AOC personnel and with multidisciplinary members.

The Commission will host a Mental Health Summit on March 22-24, 2023, at the Galt House in Louisville.

Closing Remarks

Closing remarks were made by Justice Debra Hembree Lambert who thanked commission members for their participation and tasked the members to let the leadership know about their passion.

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A group picture was taken, and adjournment was at 3:10 PM ET.

No.	Action	Owner	Due Date	Status	Notes
1	<i>Develop Committee Structure</i>	<i>KJCMH Support Staff</i>			<i>Send to commission members for review and feedback</i>
2	<i>Create KJCMH Listserv and send out resources</i>	<i>KJCMH Support Staff</i>			
3	<i>Set next meeting date</i>	<i>Justice Lambert w/ KJCMH Support Staff</i>		<i>Complete</i>	<i>Set for December 13, 2022</i>
4	<i>Review proposed Mental Health Summit Date</i>	<i>Justice Lambert w/ KJCMH Support Staff</i>			
5	<i>Committees begin to meet</i>	<i>Commission members and their invitees</i>			

Additional Information

Members of the public in attendance:

Name	Organization
Courtney Maynoud	UNITE
Vestena Robbins	DBHDID
Luella Wong	Self Employed
Amy Kotros	
Melissa Goins	FRYSC
Hon. Charles Hickman	Judge, 53 rd Judicial Circuit

KJCMH Support Staff in attendance:

Name	Department
Jacindia Rowe	Kentucky Supreme Court
Jason McGinnis	Administrative Office of the Courts
Jason Reynolds	Governmental Affairs Liaison
Kelly Stephens	Kentucky Supreme Court
Eboni Thompson	Family and Juvenile Services
Debbie Hall	Specialty Courts
Vanessa Chauhan	Family and Juvenile Services
Kathy Reed	Office of Statewide Programs
Rachel Bingham	Office of Statewide Programs

Shawna Mitchell	Office of Statewide Programs
Ian Shepard	Office of Statewide Programs
Ashley Clark	Pretrial Services
Nathan Goins	Family and Juvenile Services
E. McKenzie Marshal	Specialty Courts
Jason Dufeck	Pretrial Services
Angie Darcy	Pretrial Services
Katie Shepherd	Supreme Court
Pauline Roberts	Judicial Branch Education
Leigh Anne Hiatt	Office of Public Information
Jim Hoffman	Office of Public Information
Patrick Carrington	Human Resources
Deb Bennett	Court Designated Worker Program